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AN UNDISMISSABLE SUBJECT.

We tried Thursday to get away from the everlasting theme of Olneyism by taking an excursion across the continent with the defaulting Pacific railroads. But it is hard to shake it off. Every day re veals some ne wphase of that vile doctrine, which goes to the root of things and has shaken the very foundation of our govern mental system.

The last thing in this way is the project of Premier Canovas to grant "autonomy" to Cuba—the definition of autonomy to rest with Spain—upon the Cubans laying down their arms and Paramount Cleve land guaranteeing the fulfillment of Spain's promises.

It is evident, now, that this is the culmination of secret negotiations between the President and the Spanish premier; and the light thrown upon this act by the ar rogant claims to "paramountcy" which Mr. Cleveland has been increasingly ma king, suggests the serious inquiry whether Congress can afford to continue extending to the Executive the liberty of withhold ing from it information which *he* may deem incompatible with the public inter ests to submit. There is no warrant for this lenient action towards the Executive to be found in the Constitution. It is of a piece with the secret service fund which is yearly voted voted to the President and "no questions asked" as to its disposition. They are both mere courtesies extended under the general sanction of "public pol icy;" and, so long as they are not abused, they may well serve a good purpose. But, with such an Executive as Mr. Cleveland and such a chief of staff as Mr. Olney, the usual qualifying clause which is added to requests by Congress for information from the Executive as to foreign affairs—viz: "if not incompatible with the public in terests"—is a dangerous concession to make.

We say all this apart from the question of what should be the attitude of this gov ernment towards the Cuban question. As we have said, that sinks into utter insig nificance beside the vital question "Are we living under a lawful and popular gov ernment?" which Mr. Olney's recent astonishing statement has raised.

Since writing the above, we find that the New York Journal (of yesterday) has waked up to a sense of the national dan ger and is beginning to discuss the matter with the attention it deserves. The fol lowing extracts from an editorial in that paper are interesting:

"The Springfield Republican has been recounting the official acts of this admin istration, with the idea of showing the domination of Richard Olney. It says that Mr. Olney, and not Mr. Cleveland, has been the animating force of the Cleveland policy. * * *

"Mr. Olney * * * was always an advo cate of what may be called commercial imperialism, and rejoiced in defending the trusts based upon that idea from the attacks of the commercial proletariat. * *

"How perfectly the course of the Cleveland Administration dovetails into Mr. Olney's course in the cabinet! In fact every one of Mr. Olney's professional actions can be traced to these fundamental principles: (1) That all men were not cre ated free and equal; (2) that some men are born with vastly more intelligence and re tentive a much better education than others; (3) that it is the right of men so gifted and endowed to rule and prosper, while the others are doomed to be ruled and to be poor; (4) that in prosecution of this doom and in assertion of this right the fortunate are justified in making use of all means, fair or unfair, to exalt and entrench them selves, and 5) that the unfortunate have no rights the fortunate are morally or le gally bound to respect. These formulae are the only arguments in favor of trusts and of the concentration of wealth now having currency in the United States. They also furnish the arguments * * * that Messrs. Cleveland and Olney are born to rule and endowed with wisdom superior to that of the people and of their repre sentatives in Congress. Even the Venezu elan letter * * was based upon this assump tion, for it is well known that the position assumed in it was assumed solely on the President's own responsibility, without consulting Congress.

"Analyzing the matter thus, it is seen that the idea of Presidential paramountcy in our Government is a natural and logi cal development of the idea of the para mountcy of brains and wealth in trade. The two go hand in hand. Together they are leading the Republic away from Tho mas Jefferson toward Napoleon Bonaparte; from democracy toward imperialism, from freedom toward dictatorship and tyranny."

WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE SINGLE-STANDARD PEOPLE.

A Canton, Ohio, telegram informs us that Senator Wolcott had called upon Mr. McKinley and had departed, after a two-hours' conference, in "a happy state of mind,"

"I came to Canton," said the Senator, "as Chairman of the Committee of Five appointed by the Republican Senators in caucus to draft a bill to carry into effect that plank of the St. Louis platform on the subject of international bimetallism. The call meets the hearty approval of the President-elect. It authorizes the Presi dent to appoint delegates to an interna tional monetary conference when such a meeting shall be called. Several Euro pean countries are interested in the matter and sentiment in favor of further recog nition of silver through international agreement is spreading abroad. There may be a conference within a short time after Major McKinley is inaugurated."

Now that is awkward for the single-standard people—and that designation includes all the Republican newspapers and orators when pushed to the wall in the latter days of the campaign, and all the Palmer and Buckner people—for the instant it is conceded that a double stan dard internationally established is good, away goes the argument that a double-standard is an impossibility, of which we heard so much before the election; and the instant it is conceded that more silver may be coined if the other nations agree, away goes the argument that a disturbance of the present relative quantities of gold and silver coin in the direction of more silver would be equivalent to repu diation of a part of their debts by debtors.

THE CENTRAL AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROADS.

The bill to refund the debts of the Cen tral and Union Pacific Railroads will be voted on in the House of Representatives on the 11th of January. The debts owed by these two railroads to the Government (the people of all the States) are now in round numbers $120 000,000. We have it on the authority of Mr. William R. Hearst, proprietor of the San Francisco Examiner and editor and owner of the New York Journal, the young millionaire who so bravely took up the cudgels in Bryan's and the people's behalf in the late cam paign, that "the proposed bill is a thinly disguised scheme to relieve the railroads of the obligation to pay" these debts.

We have no reason to doubt the truth of, but every reason to believe, what Mr Hearst says. That being so, we trust our North Carolina representatives will be on hand to look after the interests of the peo ple of North Carolina and to serve them by at least casting their votes against the bill.

Mr. Hearst says:

"You will see by the bill that it does not propose to give the Government even the interest that must be paid on the debt. As you know, the Government is now paying 3½ per cent. interest on its loans. By the terms of this bill the railroad companies are not to pay in any year a sum equal to 3 per cent. upon the debt. The payments were from 2.95 per cent. on the debt to 1.27 per cent., but by calling a part of it 'repayment of principal' and part of it 'interest,' the debt is supposed to be 'ex tinguished' in something less than 90 years. You will observe that the Government will each year have to make up a deficiency in interest unless current rates fall greatly, and at the end of the time will still have to pay the principal of the debt that the rail road companies have evaded.

"The plea that the Government must take this settlement or nothing is obvi ously false. Two years ago the promoters of the present bill offered the Government 3 per cent. interest and repayments to set tle the indebtedness in 50 years—an offer which the 53d Congress rejected as un just to the Government. The net earn ings of the Central Pacific for the past five years have, by its own reports, averaged above $5,000,000 a year. The net earnings of the Union Pacific last year, by its own books, were $4,735,000. The Southern Pacific Company as the lessee of the Cen tral Pacific, is depreciating the value of the Central line as far as possible by di verting traffic to the Southern Pacific line, yet, even at this, the net earnings of the road are now between $4,000 000 and $4,-500,000. The net earnings of the two roads under the present unfavorable conditions are about $9,000,000 a year, which, after deductions for non aided portions of the line, is sufficient to pay the present Gov ernment rate at 3½ per cent. interest on the first mortgage debt, and the full Govern ment debt, and still leave something for a sinking fund."

Our representatives should stoutly op pose any plan of settlement that does not require the payment of the full amount owed the Government by the Pacific Rail roads. If Congress refuses to grant this unjust extension to these fraudulent debt ors, the President will be bound to protect the interests of the Government under the Thurman Act and the Pacific Railway Commission Act of 1887 by foreclosing the mortgage or by taking possession of the property. Such a course will result in the double benefit of enabling the Government to recover the money it has lost and of breaking a monopoly that Mr. Hearst in forms us has oppressed the people of Cali fornia and the mountain States.

THE GREAT CONSPIRACY.

Here is the latest phase of the great conspiracy against the Republic, as de scribed by Mr. Creelman in the New York Journal:

Madrid, Dec. 31.—It has taken me many days to trace out the astounding dealings of President Cleveland and his Administration with the Spanish monarchy, but I am now in a position to give the Amer ican public some light on the subject.

Actual facts show that Cleveland's offer of mediation was simply a cover under which the American Government secretly proposed to help Spain to overthrow and suppress the Republic of Cuba and to en force peace in that island on terms which the patriot army would not accept.

This offer was not made in the form of a written document, transmitted through the usual channels, but, for the sake of greater secrecy, was conveyed in a verbal statement made by Secretary Olney to the Spanish Minister at Washington, De Lome, who cabled the whole matter to Madrid.

The understanding was that if Cuban leaders refused to lay down their arms upon conditions of local self-government to be proposed to them by or through the United States, the whole influence and power of the American government would be exerted to crush the new republic.

NO CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES PRESENTED.

The slightest investigation by Congress will reveal the truth of this statement. I have the facts upon unimpeachable au thority, but the most surprising fact in this well-concealed conspiracy against the Cuban Republic is that in order to help Spain in her pitiless campaign of mas sacre, Secretary Olney has not presented any of the claims for damages arising out of the destruction of American property in the present war.

This seems almost incredible, but it is true. Records in Washington will con firm my statement. These claims repre sent millions upon millions of dollars. They are supported by sworn, and, in most cases, incontestable evidence. I know as a fact that injured citizens, whose interests are represented by claims, have supposed that Mr. Olney was doing everything in his power to secure an indemnity for their losses. The truth is that, with unimport ant exceptions, Mr. Olney has simply no tified the Spanish Government that such claims have been filed at Washington. But his view is that Spain can not be held re sponsible for property destroyed by the insurgent armies.

In other words, Cleveland's administra tion declines to recognize the independence of the Cuban Government or the belligerency of its army, and at the same time calmly absolves Spain from all responsibility for the protection of American pro perty in the island.

There is a spectacle for the edification of the American people. The Spanish press and public laugh and sneer at Congress and charge the President and the Secretary of State who secretly plot with the Spanish Minister at Washington against the brave people struggling for their liberty almost within sight of the American coast.

MYSTERY IS AT LAST EXPLAINED.

Thus is explained at last the mystery with which Olney has veiled his traffic with De Lome and the reason why he has shrunk from a public Congressional inves tigation. The shrewd lawyer, who succeeded, as Attorney General, in protect ing the millionaire trusts from prosecu tion, has spun a web of technical argument to bind the hands of Congress.

My investigations in Madrid show that, notwithstanding Cleveland's empty ex pressions of sympathy for Cubans, he has been their most vigilant and deliberate enemy. He has searched the records for pretexts to avoid pressing the just claims of Americans upon Spain. At the same time he has intimated to the Monarchy, through more than one channel, his desire to prevent Cuba from achieving independence.

If it were not for the fear of indicating my high sources of information, I could give some startling details. At the very time that the American Government, through Cleveland and Olney, was prosti tuting its influence to the service of a de generate and corrupt despotism, the Span ish Minister of Foreign Affairs was plot ting with six Continental Ambassadors to secure a joint note from the European powers dictating the policy of the United States.

But for the prompt and patriotic action of our American Minister in Madrid the appeal of Spain to Europe would have been made. These facts, too, are within the reach of Congressional investigation.

Astounding as these revelations may ap pear to the general reader, the facts back of them have been predicted and insisted upon by the OBSERVER.

CURRENT COMMENT.

It is "Paramount" Cleveland now, who having kicked the Senate and House of Representatives of this great nation into silence and abject obedience to his will, is about to negotiate, so the news goes, some sort of sale of the sentiments of his once unruly subjects in return for Spanish con cessions of material value to certain tra ders in the goldbug States. As the Fre.ch say, here is "the Man on Horseback"!

* * *

The newspapers have announced the death, on Christmas morning, of the widow of the late Rev. Dr. J T. Wheat, sometime Professor of Rhetoric at the University. A Salisbury telegram of the 26th of December, says: "Mrs. Selina Wheat, the aged mother of Mrs F. E. Shober, died peacefully early yesterday, Christmas morning, at the home of Mrs. Shober. Mrs. Wheat was in her 91st year. She had only been a resident of Salisbury a few years, but was loved and honored by all. She was born in Alexandria, Va., in 1805." Many an old University boy of the Golden Decade (1850 to 1860) will re call the kindly, beaming face of this ex cellent lady, set in rows of little curls on either side even then touched with gray. How proud she was of her doughty war rior sons, Rabateaux (or Roberto?) and John Thomas, of Leo's musical genius, and of the beauty and fascinating man ners of her daughter who became Mrs Shober! The good old Doctor went blind, we believe, and died some years ago.

Crusoe's Island Submerged.

Atlanta Constitution.)

Every lover of romance must regret the disappearance beneath the Pacific waves of the island of Juan Fernandez.

It was on this island that Daniel Defoe laid the scenes of his famous tale of ad venture, entitled "Robinson Crusoe," and there is hardly a child in America who is not familiar with its stirring traditions.

Several weeks ago it was announced by a Spanish skipper that the island had been submerged, but in the absence of corrobo orative testimony the story was not cred ited. Within the last few days, however, the announcement has been confirmed by other mariners, and there is no longer room for skepticism.

In this connection it may be of some interest to review the remarkable history of this island. It received its name from a bold Spanish navigator, who first landed upon its shores in 1563 and who subse quently settled upon it with his family. Eventually, however, the Spaniard quit the island, becoming weary of its solitude and isolation.

Still another tenant of the island in later years was a Mosquito Indian, who was left upon its shores by an English sea captain in 1681, but who was rescued by a passing vessel some three or four years afterwards. The adventures of this soli tary Indian during his period of residence on the island were similar to those nar rated in "Robinson Crusoe." He had nothing with him but a pocket knife, a gun, a small horn of powder and a few shot. With such means of support, how ever, as the island furnished, he managed to exist until deliverance finally came. It is barely possible that Defoe was in possession of these facts at the time of writing his book.

But the hermit whose adventures on the island forshadowed the story of Robinson Crusoe, was a Scotchman by the name of Alexander Selkirk. In February, 1709, Captain Rodgers, comma ding an English vessel, dropped anchor on the coast of Juan Fernandez. Seeing no signs of life or habitation on the island he went ashore, and much to his amazement discovered a man clad in sheepskin, who proved to be Alexander Selkirk. After narrating his adventures to the captain, the hermit brought forth a volume showing the faith ful account which he had kept of every little incident connected with his long im prisonment on the island. Selkirk return ed home with Captain Rodgers, and, to all likelihood, this journal fell into the hands of Daniel Defoe, who based upon it the most remarkable tale of adventure ever written in the English language.

Although "Robinson Crusoe" is com monly regarded as a work of fiction, it is not without historical inspiration, and the genius of the author consists rather in the fluent and graceful style of the narrative than in the charm of originality.

Before leaving the subject, it is well to call attention to the fact that the island of Juan Fernandez is indebted for its fame not only to the story of Robinson Crusoe but also to the celebrated poem of William Cowper, which begins with the familiar line, "I'm monarch of all I survey." While these masterpieces of genius cannot rescue the island from its watery grave in the calm Pacific main, they can at least preserve it from oblivion and render it for all time to come one of the green isles of literature.

The Late Major Finger.

Major Sidney Michael Finger died at his home in Newton, Catawba county, on the day after Christmas. A dispatch from there stated that he had not been in robust health for some time, but his death was so unexpected as to shock all his friends.

Maj Finger was born in Lincoln county, May 24th, 1837. As a boy he worked with his father on the farm and in the tan yard, and went to such public schools as the neighborhood afforded. At the age of eighteen he entered Catawba college, act ting as tutor during his last year there. In 1859 he entered the junior class of Bow doin College in Maine, graduating in 1861 with A. B., and received his A. M., in 1864. He entered the Confederate army, and was made Quarter Master Sergeant, promoted to Captain, and assigned to the collection of taxes in kind in the Charlotte Congres sional district. In 1864 he was promoted to Major, and put in charge of the collec tion of taxes in kind for the whole State.

After the close of the war he entered the profession of teaching, and was associated for nine or ten years with Rev. J. C. Clapp in conducting Catawba college, the leading educational institution of the German Re formed church in the State. He was an excellent teacher and manager, and re tired from the active work because of ill health in 1874 in which year he was elect ed by the Democrats of his county to the House of Representatives. He was elected to the Senate in 1876, and re elected in 1880. After retiring from Catawba col lege he became engaged in merchandising and in cotton manufacturing. In 1882 he was appointed a director of the Western Hospital, and was chairman of the Board when that splendid institution was opened for the reception of patients. In 1884 he was elected State Superintendent of Pub lic Instruction, and was re elected in 1888. Since his retirement from that office in 1893 he has devoted himself to his private affairs, but taking deep interest as a director in the Greensboro Normal and Industrial School, and in the late campaign taking an active part in the contest in his county.

The Raleigh News and Observer contains this notice of Maj. Finger's work:

"From the day he entered the House of Representatives in 1875 until the day of his death his chief ambition was to be helpful in the building up of a system of public instruction worthy of the State. Looking back upon his work he had much reason to feel proud of all that he had achieved. While serving his second term as State Senator, Maj. Finger, as chairman of the committee on education, framed the school law that provided for county superintendents, established Nor mal schools, and increased the school tax to 12½ cents on the $100 worth of property. During his term as State Superintendent the tax was twice increased up to 16⅔ cents, in response to his continued urgent appeals to the legislators to carry out the constitutional mandate for a four months school term. He also secured the passage of an act establishing Teachers' Institutes, and organized that useful agency for the practical instruction of teachers and the awakening of the people to the importance of better public school facilities."

SEVENTY-FIRST ITEMS.

SEVENTY FIRST, Dec 30. 1896.

Christmas was very pleasantly spent in our usually quiet township, and this most beautiful holiday was thoroughly enjoyed by some of our people at least. The weather was perfect—ideal Christmas weather.

At the Currie school house a goodly number assembled to spend the day. An elegant dinner was spread, several Bibles and a great many pretty cards were dis tributed among the members of the Sun day-school which meets there every Sun day, and the time passed very happily.

The young people's society of Willing Workers of Galatia church were invited to spend the afternoon at the hospitable home of their President, Mrs. J. H. Currie. For a scene of genuine enjoyment, we com mend you to a crowd of merry faced, happy hearted children. Such a jolly time as they had. The presiding genii of the affair were

"Sport that wrinkled care derides,
And Laughter, holding both his sides."

But these same young folks are also capable of earnest deeds; they sent to the Barium Springs Orphanage a beautiful quilt, made by their own hands, as a Christmas gift to the less fortunate bairnies there. And they are doing excellent work for Foreign Missions under the leadership of their enthusiastic President.

On Monday the beauty and chivalry of the clans gathered at Owen's cross lanes to witness the annual tournament. Each doughty knight rode his best—indeed the battery of fair faces and bright eyes turn ed upon the beaten track was enough to nerve the hand to the accomplishment of mighty deeds. The three successful riders were Mr. Nathaniel McArthur, knight of Blount's Creek, Mr John McArthur, knight of Hope and Mr. Tate Rackley, knight of Cumberland. These crowned Miss Saidie Huske, Miss Minnie Burney and Miss Lizzie Lamb, Queen and Maids of Honor. The presentation speech by Mr. J. A. McArthur, Jr., was most graceful in its refer ences to the sports and games of Ancient times, bringing our good Scotch people more in touch with the practices of our ancestry by his mention of the fascinating fiction of Walter Scott. A second tourna ment was then engaged in by married men and all, the prize being a handsome saddle, which was won by Mr Don Mc Donald. The day taken all in all was a delightful one.

An entertainment was given at the home of Mr. Willie Owen on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Owen, of Georgia, are spending the holidays at Mr. Owen's old home.

Mr. and Mr. Malloy McLean of Rich mond Co., and Mr. J. M. Davis, of Little River Academy, have been visiting at Mrs. George Davis's.

Capt A. D. McGill has received a letter from General Gordon, through the South ern Lyceum Bureau of Louisville, Ky., offering to deliver his famous lecture on "The Last Days of the Confederacy" in Fayetteville on the 16th of January, for the benefit of the Monument Association. It is to be hoped that the ladies of the As sociation will take advantage of the very reasonable offer made by Gen. Gordon, which Mr. McGill has sent them; a great many of us very much desire to hear the distinguished Southerner.

Remember to come to the oyster supper at Mr. Shaw's on Friday night; we will be glad to see a large crowd.

SCOTCH LASSIE.

The members of the Baptist congrega tion and friends of the pastor made the beginning of the new year pleasant for themselves as well as Rev. Mr. Thomas by storming the parsonage Friday night and substantially remembering its occu pants.

North Carolina's Dead, for 1896.

Wilmington Messenger.)

Ex Sheriff J. R. Wyatt; Timothy Vol ger, aged 90; W. L. Stamps, Alfred Wil liams, nearly 90; Henry W. Wahab, Rev. Cicero F. Harris, D. D., John T. Ross, Dr. Lucian Hanks, Rev. Geo. W. Harman, W. L. Franklin, Frank Cook, Col. Brice Coch rane, John E. Spencer, Merrill T. Horton, W. T. Thomason, Dr. J. W. Tracy, Rev. W. B. Warlick, Col. John E. Brown, Dr. Duncan Smith, W. K. Reid, Dr. C. E. Warren, Col. Duncan Shaw, W. B. Mc Koy, Arrington Dilworth, W. G. Fowler, James Beverly, Dr. Benj. A. Sellers, Rev. Hayes Lennon, Redden Perry, W. R. Shel ton, Alex. W. Roland, W. A. Montgomery, John W. Scott, Jr., T. D. Gay, John A. Womack, Capt. J. H. Ward, Dr. W. G. Stephens, Capt. R. E. Potts, Hon. Geo. Davis, Frank Patterson, Maj. W. D. Town send, Dr. L. L. Sasser, Alex. McMillan; David W. Fuller, Dr. Alexander B. Pierce, Hon. Charles W. McClammy, Col. Paul H. Faison, Rev. A. A. McQueen, Rev. R. B. Sutton, D. D., J. R. Adams, John C. Wil liams, Maj. John C. Winder, Prof. W. F. Martin, Robert E Carr, Dr. J. M. Millard, Capt. Jesse Kyle, Isaac Williams, Col. Ed ward Savage, Luke S. McClammy, Wm. Hodges, Rev. Samuel Leard, Rev. Thos. W. Guthrie, S. F. Harris, L. N. Clinard, D. S. Simmons, W. B. Jordan, Dr. Robt. Dick son, Rev. J. D. Shirey, D. D., Dr Wm. P. Meares, ex Gov. Thomas M. Holt, Maj. Frank Hawkins, J. M. Johnson, John C. Eller, Robert B. Johnston, E. M. Nadal, Dr. J. A. Geoghegan, Rev. J. G. Barkley, Rev. E. C. Melton, William A. Davis, long time editor, E. C. McNair, David W. Bullock, W. S. Henderson, ex Justice John H. Dil lard, Capt. Charles Legg, H. C. Evans, Maj. B. F. Bynum, W. B. Boyd, Rev. L. L. Hendren, D. D., Rev. Thomas H. Pritch ard, D. D., Col. T. C. Robertson, Col. Wil liam Johnston, Rev. B. H. Carter, Col. George N. Folk, Judge Victor Clay Bar ringer, Hon. Francis E. Shober, W. P. Simpson, Rev. E. L. Davis, Maj. A. D. Crudup, Col. Edward D. Hall, Maj. A. M. Campbell, Rev. Daniel Reid, Dr. W. A. J. Pollock, Col. G. W. Howlett, Samuel S. Cooper, Capt. C. M. D. McCauley, Walter Edmundson, J. J. Stewart, an old editor, Capt. A. C. Huggins, Dr. A. L. Mack, Dr. John M. Wilson, Rev. G. S. Best, Dr. R. T. Campbell, Dr. M. W. Gudger, Rev. P. H. Dalton, Dr. Jordan A. Neese, Dr. R. T. Sanders, J. C. Barnhardt, Rev. W. C. Doub, Rufus Galloway, Col. J. C. Horton, Dr. Jos. A. McLean, Rev. J. B. Bailey, Capt. Junius W. Gowen, Rev. James B. Bobbitt, D. D, Dr. John Anderson, Dr. John D. Bellamy, Maj. Augustus M. Lewis, Dr. Eli Crowell, Dr. W. W. Scott, N. B Cannady, Rev. D. D. McBryde, D. E. San derlin, Sr., Rev. H. T. Hoover, John Shin pock, Capt. E. L. Pearce, G. W. Thomp son, Sr., Dr. W. F. Tompkins, Maj. John McEvoy, Jas. W. Tulett, Maj. William W. Vass, Rev. W. W. Albea, N. M. Lockhart, Robert W. Best, Maj. S. M. Finger, Thos. R. Ransom.

The Gospel of Sordidness.

New York Journal.)

The spirit of the Cleveland Administra tion is disclosed again by Comptroller Eckels in his letter to the Journal printed yesterday. Speaking of the business out look, he said that "money will be willingly invested whenever it appears that the American people are ready to devote them selves strictly to their own business affairs and cease undertaking to keep up foreign and domestic turmoil and strife. Invest ments must be made to bring about busi ness activity, and during an agitation which may lead to a serious foreign com plication they will not be made." This means simply that out of deference to capital the American people must forego the "turmoil and strife" inseparable from an intelligent discussion of their domestic affairs, and that they must resolutely quench their sympathy with the Cubans, who are bravely fighting to free themselves from a tyranny compared with which that suffered by the thirteen colonies was trifling. We can only do business in this great, new, rich country, it seems, when we think of nothing, care for nothing but dollars. We must have no politics, do mestic or foreign; no sentiments, no duties that are not instantly to be subordinated to our immediate "business interests." Intellectual and moral stagnation, accord ing to Mr. Eckels, is the ideal towards which we should strive in order that trade may prosper. There is to be no patriot ism, no agitation for the reform of abuses—nothing but business. If ever the Re public sinks to the level desired by Comp troller Eckels, we shall have a government so rotten and a people so dull and debased that capital will be very much worse off than it can possibly be under free institu tions kept free by vitalizing discussion and agitation—by the "strife and turmoil" that are the best sign of our health as a nation. We are not ready yet, notwith standing Mr. Eckels and his brother wise acres, to substitute the sugar cured ham for the American eagle as the national emblem.

Justice Walter Clark in the Senate.

Congressional Record, Dec. 21.

Mr. Palmer—I submit a resolution in re gard to reprinting a document, and I ask that it be read and considered.

The resolution was read, as follows:

"Resolved, That there be printed for the use of the Senate 1,000 copies of Senate Document No. 205, first session Fifty-fourth Congress."

Mr. Cockrell—What is the document?

Mr. Palmer—It is Document No. 205, papers containing an article by Judge Walter Clark, entitled "Telegraph and Telephone," in the American Law Re view, and other matters of that sort. I have a great many applications for it.

Mr. Cullom—So have I.

The Vice President—Is there objection to the present consideration of the reso lution?

The resolution was considered by unani mous consent, and agreed to.

[This is the third time the Senate has found it necessary to order a reprint of this document owing to the calls for it.]

I. O. O. F.

At a regular meeting Monday night the following officers for Cross Creek, No. 4, I. O. O. F., were elected for the ensuing term:

Noble Grand—Joseph Holden.
Vice Grand—T. B. Hollingsworth.
Secretary—H. R. Novitzky.
Financial Secretary—W. D. Gaster.
Treasurer—H. R. Horne.

The officers will be installed next Mon day night, when there will be some special features of unusual interest to members of the order. It is expected that there will be the largest attendance that has gath ered for any similar occasion.

The lodge is in a most flourishing con dition.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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We bid adieu to '96 without a sigh of regret. It has been a year of disappoint ments to our people. There probably nev er has been a similar period in our history that has proved more disastrous to ninety per cent. of the citizens of this great coun try.

Ex-Register of Deeds Alex. McNeill, Esq., and his excellent family, who have made their residence in this city for the past two years, during which time they have made numerous warm friends, re turn to their home at Wade Station to-day. The OBSERVER wishes them good luck.

Building on Haymount.

A handsome two-story residence is being erected on Haymount, just this side of the Arsenal grounds, for Mr. E. A. Poe.

Convicts and County Roads.

The OBSERVER has been advocating for the past year the working of convicts on the county roads. Those counties which have tried this system say that it has work ed far better than their expectations. They even go outside of their own supply of con victs and hire them from the State. By this sytem our roads all over the county could be made almost into turnpikes.

We trust that the new board will con sider this matter.

Death of Mr. Thos. Bullock.

Mr. Thomas Bullock, one of the wealth iest of Cumberland's farmers, died at his residence near Stedman Tuesday morning. The funeral took place this afternoon and the remains were interred in the old family plot near the residence.

Mr. Bullock was married twice, and leaves a widow and eight children, one of whom is the well known Dr. T. C. Bullock.

The deceased, who was in his 70th year, was a life long member of Concord Baptist church.

The deceased gentleman had one pecu liar characteristic that will always be re membered, that was his invariable habit of carrying his drinking water wherever he went.

Knights of Pythias.

At a regular convention of Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, K. of P., the following off cers were elected for the ensuing term:

Chancellor Commander—C. W. Elliott.
Vice Chancellor—H. R. Novitzky.
Prelate—G. G. Myrover.
Master of Work—R. G. Haigh.
Master at Arms—W. H. Pope.
Master of Exchequer—Ralph Jessup.
Master of Finance—H. O. Sedberry.
Keeper of Record and Seals—J. C. Vann.
Inner Guard—R. F. Amos.
Outer Guard—R. W. Powers.

The above officers will be installed next Tuesday night.

The membership of the order is increas ing rapidly and much interest is mani fested.

The Negroes Celebrate.

The 34th anniversary of the emancipation proclamation is being celebrated by the colored citizens to-day.

The procession was formed at Howard school house and marched through the principal streets to the Metropolitan Church where the exercises are now going on.

The parade was the largest in the his tory of the occasion in Fayetteville, con sisting of a number of carriages and over one hundred horsemen. The chief mar shall of the occasion is Wilson McLean.

The following is the programme:

Rev. P. J. Jordan, Chaplain.
Select Poem, Cora A. Wilkins.
Solo, Florie Williams.
Life of Fred Douglas, Prof. G. H. Wil liams.
Recitation, Rachael Pickett.
Reading of Proclamation. C. H. Smith.
Master of Ceremonies, Prof. Edward Evans.
Orator, Rev. R. Alonzo Scott, Balti more, Md.

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Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Owen, who have recently returned from Georgia to Cum berland, spent a night last week with Rev. J. W. Cobb.

Misses Fannie Cobb, Pauline Stamps and Preston Shaw are home from school.

We are sorry to know of the death of Mrs. John D. McGougan which occurred last Thursday morning.

Miss Willis, of Bladen, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lilly Love.

Miss Nan McNeill, of Fayetteville, was a welcome visitor here last week.

Miss Laura Johnson, of Richmond county, will teach vocal and instrumental music in the Lumber Bridge High school. In addition to her college course in music Miss Johnson spent a year at the New England Conservatory. In her last year's work she took the special teacher's course.

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J. L. McDONALD,
Adm'r. D. McDonald.
J. G. Shaw, Atty. 6t

Administrator's Notice.

The undersigned having this day qualified as Administrator on the estate of Isaac Bacon (deceased), hereby gives notice to all parties holding claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of November, 1897, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All parties indebted to the estate will make immediate payment.

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McKinley's Fraud-Won Victory.

Was. ington editorial correspondence Raleigh News and Observer.

A well known New England democrat, who holds an important position here, said to me: "If the election could be held today, Bryan would be elected with a rush." Another democratic office-holder sitting by said: "He was elected anyhow and swindled out of it." The New Englander said: "I rather think he was swindled and bull-dozed out of it, but I mean that if the people could try it over again, with the experience following the new 'wave of confidence,' the majority would be so great that no money or manipulation could change the result."

I have been surprised at the prevalence of this sentiment in Washington. The people here have heard from the country—from their folks at home—and they therefore know the widespread disappointment prevailing everywhere over the failure of Republican promises to materialize. There is no pretense anywhere to claim that McKinley's election has restored confidence, except where some cuckoo like Buddy Eckles or Boss Hanna chirps of the good times a comin' that are delayed because the silver men are still talking silver or some other nonsense of like character. There are many here as well as elsewhere who believed that McKinley's election would restore confidence, and they are now disgusted that they accepted the promises of those who hold to the theory expressed by Daniel Webster: "Let the government take care of the rich, and the rich will take care of the poor."

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I chanced yesterday to meet a successful man from Virginia who happened to be in the city. I had not seen him since September. He went over to the support of McKinley and told me then that it would be a one sided fight. "I didn't tell you during the campaign," he said yesterday, "why I was so confident of McKinley's election, because it wasn't my secret. I knew then, what you learned later, that McKinley's backers would elect him if money and pressure could accomplish it, and I knew that when they were conjoined that they could beat any and everything. Mark Hanna not only had all the rich republican check books at his disposal, but rich democratic books as well, and he was able to control the election hands down. I was surprised that any of you Bryanites who had ever been away from home didn't see into it. But of course you didn't know how much money they had. How much did they spend? I do not know, but it was not less than $15,000,000, and they had more than $2,000,000 on hand that they couldn't spend. And they could have gotten $15,000,000 more as easily as you Bryanites could raise a thousand dollars. I tell you money talks. Whenever it is massed on one side, there is no use fighting it, and you ought to have learned that by this time." Now, the man is no politician. He is simply a business man, connected with large business enterprises in the great cities, and he is on intimate terms with some of the biggest bankers and money lords in New York. He wasn't talking for publication, but face to face with an old acquaintance. He told many truths, and later giving me his views as stated above, he went on to say that he trembled for the future of the republic. He declared that unless McKinley suppressed the trusts, levied an income tax and made wealth make some concessions, the people would rise up four years hence with a wrath so terrible that nothing could withstand it. He believed a slight increase in the tariff in certain articles to increase the revenue; some conservative money legislation that would increase the currency, a war on the most vicious trusts, putting Hanna and Hannaism in the background would make easy sailing for the republican party. "But," said he, "I fear that the men of wealth will not be willing to make any concessions, and the worst will come upon us."

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With the supporters of McKinley feeling it that way, and free silver men feeling it more keenly, the narrowness of McKinley's victory, the corrupt methods by which it was won, and the dangers that threaten McKinley's administration are apparent. Elected to give the people confidence in our monetary system, you cannot find a Republican who will talk anything but tariff. Already those who want bounties (and I who paid for them during the last campaign), are being invited to present their bill so that it may be paid in the tariff act to be passed at the extra session which will be called on the 4th of March. The Republicans have an easy way of paying their political debts. They say to the manufacturer: "You may tax the people to repay tenfold your contributions," and they are here now telling how much additional protection they need to reimburse themselves. Of all the shams and frauds these "hearings" now going on are the most apparent. The men out of whom the fat had been fried might privately send their schedules, but this would deprive the Republicans of the pretense that they are seeking to get expert testimony so they will know how to write a bill "to advance American interests." If I were in Congress I would propose an amendment something like this to every protective measure:

"The manufacturers enjoying protection under this provision shall open their books to Treasury experts, and shall divide every dollar received from it with their employes, the Treasury experts to fix the amounts to be divided."

If we are to have a paternal government, in which some are taxed for others, I am in favor of making Uncle Sam a sure enough daddy, and compelling an equal division. Thomas Jefferson abolished primogeniture in Virginia. This thing of giving the manufacturer everything and trusting to him to give out to his workmen, is as wrong as the practice of giving all the land and plate to the oldest son. We need another Thomas Jefferson to abolish the latest injustice that enriches one and robs the balance of the family.

If there are those who believe that the silver question is dead, they would soon be undeceived if they would talk to the leaders of the silver movement in Congress. They regard the contest as but just begun, and they have heard from their constituents. A prominent Democratic Senator, a consistent silver man, told me that he had been astonished at the news that he had received from all parts of the country. At first, he said, the silver men thought they had been defeated, and begun to prepare for the fight, but now nine out of ten are confident they won this victory and were denied the fruits by bribed election officers. There hasn't been a break in the ranks, and there have been many conversions to silver as the result of the broken promises of the gold men and the debauchery of the ballot by the money power. An Ohio ex congressman (not a silver man) who was here a few days ago, said that in spite of the bribery, coercion and fraud, Bryan would have carried Ohio if the Republican politicians had not persuaded the Republican farmers that McKinley had always voted for silver and could be trusted to stand by silver in the White House. He says that unless McKinley does give free coinage, Ohio will go for silver next time by 100,000. This is the way men who know talk in Indiana (whose vote was stolen straight), Michigan, Illinois, and throughout the whole Northwest. As to Maryland and West Virginia, 25,000 imported negroes into the first and nearly as many into the second, did the business there, and in Kentucky in one county alone 1,300 more votes were polled than there were qualified voters. As these things are becoming known (and in some instances are brazed about by Republicans) the silver forces have the added stimulus of indignation over wrong to the power of the righteous cause. Add to this the utter failure of the gold men's promises to materialize, and you have an avalanche that cannot be resisted.

A Glad Relief Impending.

New York Journal.

If the New Year shall give us no other blessing the country will be grateful to it for relieving us of Grover Cleveland. We are to have only sixty-two more days of him—only sixty-two days. But for the almanac and the law there might be fear that this is too good to be true. In just sixty-two more days we shall be rid of Cleveland, with his egotism, his dulness, his invincible conviction that he is always right and everybody else wrong. We shall have an end of him and his policies that have cursed the country with hard times and set his party by the ears. Even the mugwumps are tired of their idol, made drunk with self-conceit by the sweet savor of their incense. Repudiated by the Democracy, laughed at by the Republicans, gone stale with the Mugwumps and impatiently endured by the whole people, Grover Gleveland will leave the White House the most thoroughly discredited President who ever entered it. And he will leave it with what must be to his fat mind the proud knowledge that he has done more than any other Chief Magistrate to make of the chair a throne.

He has wounded democratic government; he has been a despot to the extent of his opportunities for usurpation; he has had the will though not the genius of a Cæsar. In sixty two days he will carry out of the White House what rags are left of the great reputation he took into it, and the large fortune made for him by the millionaires at whose feet he has learned to sit.

No matter what kind of a President Major McKinley may turn out to be, the people will be glad to have done with Grover Cleveland. Even a change of tyrants is to be hailed for the sheer sake of change, since Cleveland, in addition to his other offences, has become the national bore.

Only sixty two days more of Cleveland! Only sixty two days more of Cleveland! It sounds like the chimes of Trinity.

Is There a Sugar Trust?

New York Journal.)

During the discussion before the Ways and Means Committee of the tariff on sugars in McKinley bill No. 2, Congressman Benton McMillan, of Tennessee, asked this ingenuous question: "Are the (sugar) refining interests of this country united in a trust or trusts?"

It was not satisfactorily answered, and therefore Mr. McMillan may be supposed (by the idiotic) to be in ignorance of the answer. So, for his benefit and for the benefit of other persons equally ill-informed, the Journal will tell him that there is no sugar trust in the United States. Mr. Theodore Havemeyer made his money, which enables him to give $20,000 worth of presents to his relatives and friends every Christmas, out of the Austrian Consulate Mr. Harry O. Havemeyer made his great fortune out of real estate in Greenwich, Connecticut. Mr. Searles, treasurer of the American Sugar Refining Company, lives upon his salary as a Sunday-school superintendent. Mr. Wm. A. Havemeyer, of Chicago, keeps the wolf away from the door by means of his position as vestryman of the Episcopalian church in Riverside, Illinois. Mr. Norris W. Mundy, also of Chicago, has been enriched exclusively by tips on stocks furnished by his friend Mr. Roswell Flower, of Watertown. Mr. Henry T. Oxnard, of Omaha, Nebraska, and of Chiro, California, pays his bills out of the money he earns as a beet grower.

Oh, no, there is no Sugar Trust. And if there is, "What are you going to do about it?" as Congressman Steele (Rep.) asked yesterday. It will be remembered that the late Mr. Tweed employed the same words on a similar occasion.

Voice-Photography.

The voice photographing apparatus was devised by Dr. Hallock, to assist them in the acquisition of certain data of much importance in their studies. His object was to ascertain accurately what was the acoustic composition of tone generally acknowledged to be good, and likewise that of inferior tone, that by comparing them the dominant characteristics of each might be determined. The scope of this article permits not a brief description of the apparatus and the principles upon which it is based.

A string vibrating to produce tone vibrates as a whole, producing the fundamental or pitch tone, and may also vibrate *at the same time* in segments, dividing into halves, thirds, fourths, fifths, sixths, etc., producing partial tones or overtones, which are heard at the same time with the fundamental, though except to a very highly-trained ear they are not distinguishable as separate tones. These overtones give to the tone its richness and fullness, and it is by variations in their use that we articulate vowels. The tone of a string, then, instead of being simple, is a composite tone or *klang*. The voice follows the same laws, being practically a stringed instrument and having the same series of overtones, while in a reed, to which it has often erroneously been likened, the first overtone is more than two and a half octaves above the fundamental and higher than the fifth overtone actually found in the voice.

By the use of the hollow brass spheres known as Koenig resonators, each of which is tuned to the pitch of one of the overtones in a given *klang*, it is possible to pick out all of these single tones. The air vibrating within the resonator reinforces the particular tone that has the same pitch, and if held close to the ear will make that tone more prominent to the listener than any other in the *klang*. The apparatus is a modification of that used by Helmholtz and Koenig for tone-analysis, but the plan of photographing the flames is original with Dr. Hallock.—From "Voice Photography and Rational Voice Production," by Laura Carroll Dennis, in January *Review of Reviews*.

Li and His Emperor.

New York Tribune.)

Matters in Peking are in ominous confusion. Of that there is no longer room for doubt. Early accounts of the home coming of Li Hung Chang were vague and somewhat contradictory. It was stated in one breath that he had been made minister for foreign affairs, with almost supreme authority over the whole government, and in the next that he had been punished and degraded for some trifling infraction of court etiquette; from which statements various theories were evolved, all more or less fanciful. Later reports are more to the point and give a perfectly distinct and doubtless accurate view of the exceedingly interesting state of affairs now existing at the celestial capital. In brief, then, the old conflict between emperor and emperor-makers is on again in increased intensity; to understand which a bit of past history must be recalled.

The Emperor Hien Fung, dying in 1861, left the throne to his infant son, Tung Chi. During the latter's minority the government was conducted by a regency of four—Tung Chi, Hien Fung's concubine, the Empress Dowager Tse Hsi, and Hien Fung's two brothers, Prince Kung and Prince Chen. When Tung Chi became eighteen years old he showed himself an ambitious and headstrong young man, who wanted to be the real ruler of his realm. He announced that he would take the government into his own hands. And two years afterwards he died, some declaring that his exit had been expedited by interested parties. As he left no son, the regents, now increased to five in number by the accession of Li Hung Chang, selected the son of Prince Chun to be his successor, and he is the present emperor, Kwang Su. Now, Kwang Su was at that time only four years old, wherefore the five regents assumed full charge of the government and held it for twelve years. Then Kwang Su announced that he was ready to take affairs into his own hands, but they, being tactful as well as able, contrived to retain control for some years longer, artfully persuading him that he was ruling and they were his most obedient servants, when really he was a mere puppet in their hands.

His eyes were opened to the real state of affairs at the time of the Japanese war. He became exceedingly wroth, and vented all his anger upon Li Hung Chang, because that venerable statesman was the only one of the regents who was not a member of the imperial family, and the Chinese religious doctrine of filial piety forbade the young emperor to turn his hand against his own kin of an elder generation. That was why Li Hung Chang was on a flimsy pretext deprived of his yellow jacket and peacock feathers; he was the scapegoat of the whole regency. Since then there has been pretty steady war between the two parties—on the one side the young emperor and his satellites; on the other the five regents, or those who are left of them. For Prince Chun, the emperor's father, "the Sword of the Manchoo Dynasty," is now dead, and so is one of the dowager empresses—the one who was Hien Fung's lawful wife. Prince Kung, moreover, has retired from political life. So there are only two left, the richest, ablest and most determined of them all—the Dowager Empress Tse Hsi and Li Hung Chang.

When Li started on his recent journey around the world the emperor received him at a farewell audience, at which a more than arctic frost is said to have prevailed. On his return to Peking Li dutifully repaired to the palace to pay his respects to the emperor. But on his way he stopped for a few moments to call on his old friend and ally, the Dowager Empress Tse Hsi, at her house just outside the walls of the forbidden city. And that was his fault, that he called on her before he presented himself to the emperor. For that the emperor fined him a year's salary and again deprived him of the Order of the Yellow Jacket. As for the foreign ministry, that was a delusion and a snare. The emperor reckoned Li too powerful and too dangerous a man to be again entrusted with the viceroyalty of a province, or even to be out of the emperor's own sight. So he created for him an office with the high-sounding title of minister for foreign affairs, with headquarters at Peking, but with merely nominal duties and absolutely no power or authority. It was a mere fiction for keeping Li where he could do no harm.

Such is the story, as it is told, to date. What the sequel will be is matter for interesting speculation. Li is scarcely the man to endure such suppression and Tse Hsi is not the woman to desert her old ally or to be beaten in the game of politics by the young nephew whom she helped to put upon the throne. So those two, out of the imperial favor and holding no real official places, will bring all their great ability and indomitable will and almost unmeasured wealth to bear against the son of heaven to force him back beneath their control. It will be a royal, and imperial struggle, with the rulership of the empire for its stake.

A Healthful Reaction.

The Washington Post sounds the note of a healthful reaction when it says:

The Post has always been impatient of this silly gabble about the new South. There is no such thing. The expression is never used save by politicians or notoriety seekers or beardless youths who knew not the thing they speak of as having vanished. It is the same old South, cherishing the same old patriotic traditions, inspired by the same patriotic purpose loving the country, jealous of its dignity and honor, ready to die or suffer for it always. It is in the South that the language, the ideas and the practices of the American fathers find their most perfect preservation. It is in the South that anarchy and other foreign teachings of social agitation have received the least encouragement. It is to the South that the country some day will have to look for the protection of our social and political institutions. These people who prate about the "new South" are either talking ignorantly or for their own aggrandisement. The South was the home of conservatism before the war. The South under the changed conditions is the nation's citadel of conservatism still. The South's ideas and aspirations may not please Wall street at times, but should the Union ever be confronted by any genuine peril, either from abroad or from within, there is not a county in any Southern State but will give in her defense more pluck and backbone and devotion than the whole hagging swarm put together, with all its connection thrown in for good measure.

Believe us, it is the old South still, and the day may come when every civilized citizen of the United States with Anglo-Saxon blood in his veins and the love of enlightened free institutions in his heart will be glad that it has changed in nothing.

Last summer George W. Smalley, the famous correspondent and man of letters, went abroad in the interest of *The Ladies' Home Journal*. His commission was to write two articles: one on "The Personal Side of Bismarck," and the other on "The Personal Side of the Prince of Wales." Mr. Smalley personally knows both men, and he had no difficulty in getting into close touch with them, while other men would have found insurmountable barriers. The first of these articles will be printed in the January issue of the *Journal*. Unpublished portraits will illustrate the papers.

Evils of our Railroad System.

Another and much more serious source of dissatisfaction is the chaotic condition of our methods of transportation. The simple fact that so large a part of the price of coal and grain when they reach the consumer has been made necessary by the cost of transportation is a matter of very wide spread discontent and complaint. It is quite possible that the railroads are not earning more than they ought to earn; but it seems nevertheless to be true that combinations have been made, and still are made, for the purpose of destroying competition and keeping up the price of transportation even over roads which are able to pay dividends on a capitalization greatly in excess of the cost of construction.

No doubt our railway system has been made enormously expensive by the construction of lines that render a very small return upon the capital invested; but the fact that branches remote from the centers of traffic are unable to pay dividends would seem to furnish no just reason why some of the trunk lines should keep their charges no high as to enable the corporations to pay large dividends upon the capitalization amounting to many times the cost of construction. The subject, of course, is not without difficulties, but unless the signs of the times are all awry legislators will have to grapple with them and make provision for their alleviation. They should receive the serious attention, not only of Congress, but of the legislatures of all our States. Railroads are practically monopolies, and the time has come when the controlling of monopolies by the State must receive the most careful attention of our most thoughtful minds.—From "How to Allay Popular Discontent," by President C. K. Adams, in January *Review of Reviews*.

Mr. Cleveland's Wealth.

The Washington correspondent of the Raleigh News and Observer gives the following account of Mr. Cleveland's progress in money making—though many persons rate his wealth far beyond the larger figures named:

When he was elected Governor of New York, Mr. Cleveland wasn't worth ten thousand dollars. To day Bradstreet quotes his wealth at $1,000,000, and private persons credit him with the possession of $2,000,000 in cash, property and bonds. He has made more money as President of this country than any man that ever occupied that distinguished position. His capacity for looking after the almighty dollar is wonderful, and he has well prepared himself for the adversities of life. The easy feeling his wealth gives him is said to have made him lose considerable of his former interest in politics, although he keenly feels the criticisms of the press opposing him, and of the people that once were only pleased to praise.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4, 1897.

A great political sensation may follow the delivery of several speeches bearing upon the methods employed in the election of McKinley, in the Senate before the close of this session of Congress. Several senators, including Jones, of Arkansas, and Teller, of Colorado, have had agents at work ever since the result of the election was announced, investigating and gathering facts to be used in the speeches they intend to make.

No gold democrat nominated by President Cleveland to hold an office from which a silver man was removed will be confirmed, unless the silver Senators change their minds. This agreement was reached by them after mature deliberation. If the offices are to be held by gold men, they prefer that they shall be gold republicans selected by McKinley. Although it has not been fully decided there are reasons for the belief that Secretary Francis and some of the other men who were nominated to fill vacancies not created by the removal of silver men will be confirmed by the Senate, but if failure to confirm his nomination would not cause litigation by throwing a cloud upon the legality of his official acts as Secretary of the Interior, it would be by no means certain that the nomination of Secretary Francis would be confirmed.

It will be some time before the gossip about the scarcity of Senators and Representatives at the President's reception is stopped. There were less than a dozen Senators present, and only one of them was a democrat, and out of about two dozen Representatives not more than half of them were democrats.

If the original McKinley republicans can have their way, McKinley's administration will start out just about as harmoniously as did that of the last Ohio President, poor Garfield. The latest edict of these hog politicians is that the friends of ex President Harrison need not apply for office under McKinley. With the friends of Tom Reed, Matt Quay, Tom Platt and Ben Harrison black listed so far as official favors are concerned, the new administration would find itself confronted with as vicious a lot of enemies within its own party as could be gathered together. It is possible, however, that McKinley is wiser than some of his would be advisers, and that he will not put himself up as a target for all the stones thrown by this quartette and their friends, lest there be a little David among them.

Senator Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee has written the following letter to a discouraged correspondent, which speaks for itself. "I don't agree with the gloomy view you take of our efforts. When we polled a million more votes than Cleveland did four years ago, when he was said to have carried the country by a landslide, we certainly have accomplished a good deal, especially when we remember what the feeling of the party was when the Chicago convention met. Another thing is a matter of decided satisfaction to me and that is that we polled at least two thirds of all the intelligent votes in this country. The large republican vote embraced millions of negroes and utterly unlettered foreigners, who have no conception of the genius of our government, no appreciation of the obligations of citizenship, and no idea of of economic questions. In this country I believe that intelligence is bound to win, and considering the fact that the overwhelming majority of intelligent men were on our side in this controversy, I see nothing to dishearten the friends of democracy."

Senator Wolcott, who has gone to Europe to confer with the leading advocates of international bimetallism, stated before his departure that he was not encouraged by anything he knew to believe that his trip would be productive of results, but that he was going to make it because he had been requested by the Bimetallic League to do so, for the purpose of ascertaining in an authoritative way what prospects there are, if any, for international bimetallism. Silver men in Congress while, of course, hoping that Senator Wolcott may bring back encouraging reports, do not believe that he will. There is more or less uneasiness among republicans about his trip. They fear that if he comes back and reports that there is no prospect of obtaining any agreement for international bimetallism, that he and the other silver Senators who supported McKinley may follow Teller and the other silver republicans Senators who supported Bryan out of the party, and that would make the Senate anti-republican for a long period of years.

Senator Vest, who spent his holiday in Washington, has gone home to remain until the Missouri legislature elects his successor. He is confident that he will be his own successor, and unless all the information received in Washington has been wrong, his confidence has a solid foundation.

Rev. Mr. McKelway and the Saloons.

Correspondence of the Observer.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan'y 5, '97.

MR. EDITOR:—You will allow a brief statement from me with regard to the proceedings before the Board of County Commissioners yesterday. It is a matter of general knowledge that the three saloons on the north side of Person street, below the Market House, are within 200 feet of the premises of the Presbyterian church. I appeared before the Board of Commissioners yesterday and entered a protest against the renewal of license to these saloons. I had a plot of the streets drawn by a competent surveyor, who was present to certify to its correctness. I had a sworn statement, made by myself, that upon careful measurement the saloons were within 200 feet of the church premises. I presented another affidavit, signed by myself, that I had frequently been disturbed by boisterous noises from that part of the street while I was conducting public worship. I supplemented this by a statement that to the best of my knowledge and belief the noise proceeded from the saloons as I had often noticed a crowd of drunken men in the vicinity of the saloons.

The opposing counsel first raised the question as to the distance, then upon his own measurement, admitted the fact that the saloons were within 200 feet of the church premises. There were no affidavits presented as to the orderly conduct of the saloons in question. The evidence upon which I rested the case was not rebutted.

The Commissioners in the exercise of their discretion granted the license by a vote of two to one.

I have only to add, that, appearances to the contrary notwithstanding, I believe that the Fayetteville Presbyterian church was represented in its sentiments on this subject by its pastor.

I have no criticism to make of the powers that be. I am perfectly satisfied with my own course in the matter, and I hope that there will be nothing to regret by others, when we all reach the Court of Final Appeal—when the Books are opened and we stand before the Throne.

Respectfully,

A. J. McKELWAY.

The Door of Life.

The fear of pain and the dangers of parturition fill many a woman's breast with dismay. There is no reason why childbirth should be fraught with danger and distress. It is a perfectly natural function, and should be performed in a natural way without undue suffering. Nature never intended that women should be tortured when doing the one thing which makes them wholly womanly. The perversion of nature's laws has brought this suffering about, and a return to right living will stop it.

Nine out of ten women are troubled more or less by weakness and diseases peculiar to their sex. It is so because they do not take proper care of themselves—because they neglect little ills and little precautions. A woman in perfectly hearty health goes through her time of trial with comparative ease. The thing to do then, is to make all expectant mothers healthy—to strengthen them generally and locally. The medicine and tonic to do it with is Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

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Items from Whitford School.

Correspondence of the Observer.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 28, 1896.

Up to the present date fifty two names have been enrolled, a large per cent. of the scholars coming from homes three, four and five miles distant. The average attendance has not been as large as we would be glad to have it, but we think the general progress has been good. To the credit of the pupils, they all seem to love and respect each other, and there has not been any disturbance among them that has required discipline.

A candy and banana treat was given to those who were in school the day before Christmas; they were then dismissed until the following Monday.

The average attendance of the twenty two weeks that have passed of the present term, has been higher than it was the two previous terms. This section is sparsely settled, yet we hope the school will continue to build up.

Thanking the Editor of the "Fayetteville Observer" for the kindness he has shown to the Whitford School, teachers and pupils join in wishing you a prosperous and happy new year."

Give the People Light.

Correspondence of the Observer.)

MR. EDITOR:—Last spring, prior to the election of the present city officials, at a meeting of the people of the city the necessity for electric lights on the streets of the city was declared for by a storm of applause, showing the earnest desire of the people that we should have light. Recently, it is reported, a stranger who had come amongst us with an idea of investment remarked that a people of a town as large as this who would submit to stumbling about on such dark streets at night could have no energy or progress about them, and he bade us good bye. This is an illustration of how this matter is affecting our welfare and progress as a people.

I believe it was a mistake when the friends of proposed municipal ownership of an electric light plant abandoned the plan. Recent information and best opinion is that there should be municipal ownership of light, water &c. Now what have the present officials done towards carrying into effect the peoples' expressed wishes? If there is a stumbling block let us know it. Perhaps if an effort was made the present session of the legislature could remove it. This fear to make a move is what causes decay and bankruptcy, and applies to cities as well as individuals.

City officials tell us what you are doing or propose to do.

Yours for

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Miss Langdon Holliday, of Clinton, is visiting Miss Ethel Fisher on Person street.

LATEST NEWS.

The Progressive Farmer warns Hanna against an attempt at wholesale buying of populist members of the legislature; it says he may be able to buy some of them——Senator Butler has a card in the Progressive Farmer in which he replies to those populists who have been writing to him to get them positions under the McKinley administration; he gives them fair notice that there is no chance for them——James Duffy, the pugilist, dies in New York from blows received in a prize fight——The house Ways and means committee yesterday took up the schedule of "tobacco and the manufacture thereof" and granted hearings to quite a number of interested persons——The State Department is informed by friends of Delgado in a Cuban prison, that he would die unless a surgical operation was performed, and these friends offered to pay all the expenses, but Secretary Olney said he could not interfere in the matter——One bank at Nora Springs, Iowa, and three at St. Paul, Minn., failed yesterday and a savings bank at the latter place was forced by a run to take advantage of the sixty day's notice——Richard Cornelius, cashier of the National Farmers and Planters bank, of Baltimore, commits suicide after being detected in a defalcation of $60,000; he had been connected with the bank for forty-two years——Fitzsimmons signs the agreement for a fight with Corbett on March 17——Under a decision of the Supreme Court the democrats gain a majority in the Delaware legislature, which will elect a United States Senator——The Wyoming State hospital is burned; one inmate, a woman, dies of fright——The worst blizzard in years is raging in Iowa; reports of deaths in the country are received——Near Sumter, S. C., three men quarrel; one is killed and his slayer flees and is also supposed to be dead——A delegation of southern men interested in rice will to-day go before the house ways and means committee and ask for increased tariff on rice——The Merchant's National bank of Devil's Lake, N. D., suspends.

GARLAND LOCALS.

GARLAND, Jan. 1, 1897.

Mr. Reeves, of Caldwell, Texas, and his daughter, Miss Annie, who has been attending school at Peace Institute, are the guests of Mr. W. K. Cromartie.

Mr. Neil Cromartie, who has made his home in Caldwell, Texas, is spending the holidays at his old home.

Mr. Sam Cromartie, Miss Cromartie and your correspondent, who have been away teaching, spent Christmas at home.

Miss Annie May Robinson, of Ivanhoe, visited Mrs. Sloan this week.

Miss Isla Council, of Populi, visited Miss Annie Cromartie this week.

Misses Simpson and Peterson, of Point Caswell, and Miss Page spent Christmas with friends near here.

Mr. Tom. Wright came home from the University and stopped here with his sister, Mrs. Johnson.

The many friends of Messrs. George and Jerry Matthis were glad to welcome them Christmas.

The C. E. Society had an oyster supper Christmas night and made a nice little sum to be added to the organ fund.

Mr. Ed. Hobbs has located his saw mill here and some buildings are being erected.

Miss Minnie Lamb's school had a Christmas tree in the Baptist church that was enjoyed very much by the little folks.

LUMBER-BRIDGE LOCALS.

A dozen or more cases of grip are reported but each one is improving.

Miss Annie Brown has gone to Lumberton to stay awhile with Miss Nettie McLean.

Rev. P. R. Law was too unwell to preach last Sunday. He is up again we are glad to note.

Miss Annie Belle Malloy and Miss Janie Malloy spent Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conoly and Mr. Duncan Malloy came from Georgia to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Laura Johnson, of Richmond county will teach vocal and instrumental music this session. Miss Johnson has had very fine training in the New England conservatory in Boston.

Miss Isla Council and her sister, Mrs. Addie Hall, together with five new students, moved here last week. They received a cordial welcome from old and new friends.

Miss Kate Gainey is visiting her sister, Miss Maggie Gainey.

The following pupils did not miss a day from the date of entrance to the close of the fall session: Miss Ellen Ray, Fairley Ray, James M. McPherson, Pemberton Coates, Vance Ray, Lloyd Whitted, Leslie McNair and Charlie McNair.

James L. Gainey missed only one day.

Many important articles and striking stories have been secured by *Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly* for publication during the coming year, among them an illustrated paper on "The King's Daughters and Sons," by Louise Seymour Houghton, one of the leading spirits of that great order.

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Administrator's Notice.

The undersigned, having this day qualified as administrator upon the estate of Daniel McDonald (deceased), hereby gives notice to all parties holding claims against said estate, to present them to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of November, 1897, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will make immediate payment.

J. L. McDONALD,
Adm'r. D. McDonald.

J. G. Shaw, Atty. 6t

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NOTICE.

Application will be made to the next General Assembly of North Carolina for a charter to build a canal from Fayetteville, N. C., to intersect with the waters of Little River, N. C., at or near Manchester, Cumberland County.

Lost or Misplaced.

Certificate of five shares of stock in the Metropolitan Building and Loan Association, of Richmond, Va., together with pass-book. A liberal reward will be paid to anyone returning the same to me at my barber shop.

MARION STEVENS.

Dec. 15 oaw 4t.

THE OBSERVER.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., JAN. 7, 1897.

Congress re-assembled Tuesday but no business of importance was transacted, only about half of the members being present.

Six more banks failed Monday and the cashier of another bank committed suicide. The number of failures of banks and business enterprises and the number of suicides is appalling.

Four colored boys, Mathew Ferris, Fred Shaw, Tom Walker and Robt. Walker were caught playing cards back of Major Vann's store on Hay street Sunday morning and locked up in the Guard House.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Phœnix Co-operative Cotton Factory was to have been held Monday but as a majority of the stock was not represented the meeting was postponed until next Thursday night week.

The OBSERVER extends its cordial sympathy to its excellent and enterprising namesake in Charlotte, and offers its congratulations upon its remarkable enterprise in getting out its usual Sunday issue in the face of difficulties that would seem to have been insurmountable.

Mr. J. W. Ingold, who has been deer hunting in South Carolina with those famous South Carolina deer hunters, the Messrs. Evans, returned home Monday monning. The party killed 7 deer, one of them, a fine buck, brought down by Mr. Ingold's practiced hand.

Mr. H. M. Hanaford, advance agent of the Remenyi Grand Concerts, was in the city to-day. Remenyi is a renowned violinist, and his concerts have the support of other musicians of great skill. If enough promises to attend a concert are obtained from our citizens Remenyi will play here in the near future.

Delaware will send a democrat to the Senate. The courts have granted a recount of the votes in certain counties and this will give the democrats a decided majority in the legislature. The democrats are gaining something every day and if the wholesale frauds continue to be unearthed McKinley will soon be trembling in his seat.

We were glad to receive a call from Mr. N. J. Bangley and his son, Mr. James M. Bangley, of Petersburg, Va., who were last week visiting Fayetteville after many years absence. The elder Mr. Bangley informed us that he was one of the metal workers employed by Ward, the tinsmith, to put on the heavy iron roofing which formerly covered the old Hale house on Haymount. Ward's place at that time (in the forties) was on the east side of Gillespie street. Later, in 1852, Mr. Bangley returned to Fayetteville from Petersburg and remained a year or two in the employ of Mr. Andrews, whose establishment was where Sedberry's drug store now stands.

Cumberland's Representatives.

Senator Jno. McP. Geddie, and Members of the House Sutton and Wemyss left for Raleigh to-day, to be present at the opening of the Legislature to-morrow.

Another Fayetteville Boy to the Front.

Mr. David King, of Raleigh, brother of our popular townsmen Messrs. James and Ralph King, and one of Fayetteville's "dispersed abroad," has been promoted to be Master Mechanic of the whole Seaboard Air Line system. This is at the top of the ladder in mechanic's profession, and is only another evidence that Fayetteville boys lead wherever they locate.

The Sanctificationists.

The Sanctificationists still hold forth and the people still flock in great numbers to the tent on the armory square.

Four persons went into trances last night and there was the usual mad rush to get a glympse of them. Notwithstanding the great and curious crowds which attend nightly there has been no disturbance by the audience to amount to anything.

Property Purchased.

Capt. W. C. McDuffie, Jr., has purchased from the county the old Court House square lot on Green street. He paid $625 for it. It will be remembered that this property was put up at auction recently and was knocked down for $500, but that the sale was not confirmed by the Commissioners. Capt. McDuffiie will erect a handsome residence on this splendid location.

Ed. D. Williston, M. D.

The Colored American, of Washington City, has the following to say of the son of our colored townsman, Frank Williston:

Dr. Ed. D. Williston, the rising young physician and surgeon of the district, successfully performed a masterly operation last week, abdominal hyterertomy. The operation was performed with dexterity and skill and his patient has not had even a rise of temperature. Dr. Williston is meeting with wonderful success as a surgeon.

Improvements.

The two stores on Person street just east of Sedberry's drug store, owned by Mr. E. E. Gorham, one occupied by J. F. Powers & Son, and the other by the bowling alley, will be connected and both occupied by Powers & Son. The buildings will be repaired, painted and otherwise improved. The stair-case in the building next to Maultsby's store which leads to the second floor from the street will be taken away and the second floor approached from the inside.

Police News.

William McFatter, who has been in jail several weeks charged with larceny, was tried yesterday before 'Squire Overby and bound over to the Superior Court. He failed to give bond and was returned to jail.

Robert Walker, the boy charged with entering Mr. Ijams's house and taking off a bicycle, was taken before 'Squire Overby yesterday, and upon submitting to a charge of simple tresspass, and paying the cost was discharged.

We regret to state that Fayetteville's venerable and beloved distinguished citizen and friend, Rev. Dr. J. C. Huske, is quite ill.

The Legislature Meets.

Raleigh presents a lively scene this week. All sorts of people from every part of this big State are assembling there—members of the legislature, politicians, lobbyists, wire pullers and office-seekers. The senatorship contest is the overshadowing issue. Butler is fighting the goldbug Pritchard to the death.

The alliance organ, the Progressive Farmer, says that if Mark Hanna bribes any Populists to vote for Pritchard, and if any so vote they will have been bribed, it will be the end of the Republican party in this State as well as the Populist members brioed.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Wilmington Messenger says:

All indications tonight seem to make Pritchard's election reasonably sure. Skinner is working for Pritchard. The arguments used are: First, that there was an agreement to stand by Pritchard, and, second, that the populists will be ruined if they break away from the republicans. Butler, Skinner and Shuford were at the table together tonight chatting amicably. Butler is for Schulken for speaker, while Pritchard is for Hileman, as the latter is well understood to be a Pritchard man.

Among the arrivals are E. J. Hale, Lee S. Overman, Thomas B. Keogh, D. H. Abbott, H. L. Grant, M. L. Wood and Congressman elect John E. Fowler. Wood offers to bet 5 to 1 on Pritchard. All anti-Butler populists say: "Indications are all clearly for Pritchard." This is Skinner's view.

An angry middle-of the-road populist said this evening: "When ever I hear any populist saying we must stick to Pritchard, I know republicans have seen that man."

Enormous Crowd at the Tent Monday.

The crush inside and around the sanctification tent Monday night was terrific. There were between fifteen hundred and two thousand people pushing and jostling each other, good naturedly however, in their eagerness to see the remarkable performance.

Just after the meeting opened Evangelist Fife was called upon to offer a prayer and he did so in powerful language. Then followed the usual scene, only more intense. The sanctified, following the example of the preacher, Rev. Mr. Brooks, in their excitement, leaped about, shouted, laughed and cried, clapped their hands and went into trances. When the vast audience was dismissed six persons were stretched out in the "mysterious condition" and were watched over by the faithful, who chanted and prayed in until 12 o'clock when the tranced were put in carriages and taken to their homes.

About 11 o'clock a number of Fayetteville young men, all of them talented singers, appeared on the rostrum and sang several hymns magnificently much to the delight of the sanctified group present.

In the midst of the service a dastardly attempt was made to wreck the tent by cutting four of the guy ropes. A part only of the tent caved in and was soon repaired. The perpetrators are unknown.

No Sale.

In accordance with the order of the court, the Fayetteville Gas Light Company's plant was offered for sale Monday A. M. Promptly at ten o'clock Capt. Chas. Glover opened the sale and for three minutes pled eloquently and earnestly for a bid but failing to receive any response from the six persons present—Col. A. H. Taylor, of Baltimore, representing the bondholders and receiver's certificates, attorneys N. W. Ray, G. M. Rose and D. Rose, and Mr. C. B. Ledbetter, the manager, and an OBSERVER reporter—he gave up in despair. A return will be made to the court that no sale was made.

Col. Taylor, who is a distinguished lawyer of Baltimore, and who, by the way, is a great silverite, informed the reporter that his clients would probably organize a company, pay off the indebtedness and take charge of the property. He said in that event the gas plant would be improved, the electric light plant repaired and Fayetteville would be given a fine light system.

A Great Political Sensation.

Congress assembled Tuesday morning. It will be a most important session. Besides the Cuban question the matter of McKinley's election will be taken up.

It is thought that a great sensation may follow the delivery of several speeches bearing upon the methods employed in the election of McKinley before this session adjourns. Several Senators, including Chairman Jones, of Arkansas, and the great republican Teller, have had agents at work ever since the election investigating Hanna's methods.

There is no doubt but that Bryan was elected but it will be hard to prove that McKinley was not elected. In Illinois, Indiana and Ohio the returns show that one person to every three and a half inhabitants voted. This is of course fraudulent. The natural ratio is one to every five and a fraction. Besides Bryan got a million more votes than Cleveland received in 1892 when he was elected by a landslide, and yet Bryan received 500,000 less votes than McKinley.

East Lynne Last Night.

The rendition of the sensational and sombre drama, East Lynne, Tuesday by the Langdon Dramatic Company was excellent. The company played with even more spirit than on the preceding night, and all present expressed themselves well pleased with the performance. The little child actress won the hearts of every one.

The farce, which followed the play, with its terrible and vividly rendered death scenes in the last act, broke the strain under which the audience had been kept and turned many a tearful eye into a merry twinkle. It was splendid fun and made the audience roar with laughter.

The dancing and singing specialties were greatly enjoyed and the skirt dance was modest and beautiful.

People and Their Movements.

Mr. R. L. Williams, who has been spending the holidays in Wilmington, returned home yesterday. He was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Jno. K. Williams.

Mr. J. J. Crosswell has purchased the Hall house, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Strange on Rowan street, and will move into it as soon as Mr. Strange's new house is completed.

Col. Brady's Strange Death.

Gen. A. G. Brady returned from Catonsville Sunday night where he went to attend the funeral of his brother, Col. J. W. Brady, whose strange death created a sensation in Washington.

We take the following account from the Washington Star:

"The passengers on west bound car No. 230 of the Capital Traction line about 9:15 o'clock this morning did not know that they had been riding for a couple of miles with a dead man until the car reached 19th street and Pennsylvania avenue. Then it was discovered that a man who had boarded the car somewhere east of the Capitol was sitting dead in his seat bolt upright.

"There was great excitement among the passengers when this fact was discovered. The car was brought to a stop and a doctor was summoned. The physician, Dr. Muncaster, said the body was getting cold and the man must have been dead some time. A patrol was then called and the body taken to the morgue, while the car was allowed to proceed upon its way.

"It was found that the man was James W. Brady, a clerk in the sixth auditor's office. It is supposed that he died of heart disease, as his friends say he was subject to heart trouble.

"Mr. Brady's brother, who is sheriff of Baltimore county, was notified of the death, and his family were also notified.

"Col. James Wolfe Brady was a well known resident of Catonsville for over 25 years, where he had a beautiful home known as Avondale. He had been spending the holidays with his wife and daughter, and left for Washington early yesterday morning in the best of health. Christmas Day was the 46th anniversary of his marriage, which was quietly celebrated at his home.

"Colonel Brady was born July 16, 1829, at Drachet, Mass. He received a college education, graduating from the Lawrence (Mass.) Academy, with high honors. Col. Brady had been engaged in the auditor's department since the second inauguration of Grant.

"Luther C. Ladd, who was shot on April 19, 1861, in Washington, expired in Col. Brady's arms. On December 25, 1850, Col. Brady married Miss Martha Mason, daughter of Richard and Margaret Mason, of Baltimore.

"Colonel Brady was a Mason of the 33rd degree of the Scottish rite and was also a member of Lafayette Lodge, of Odd Fellows, of Washington, D. C. Gen. Alan G. Brady, of Fayetteville, N. C., is his brother."

A Repetition of Preceding Nights.

The same scenes now familiar to nearly all our citizens were enacted at the Sanctification tent Monday. The same enormous crowd was there, curious to see something miraculous happen, but went home disappointed, because not a soul went into a trance. The same excitement was there, shouting and singing, but the the acrobatic, though earnest preacher Brooks was succeeded by mild Mr. Harper. The latter preached on drunkenness using his own past life as an illustration of its evils. At the conclusion of the sermon Mr. Harper announced that Thursday would be devoted to the bar keepers, and requested that all the bars be closed and their proprietors spend the day in the tent. He also invited all the preachers of the city to be present that day.

The Political Situation at Raleigh.

The political pot is at boiling heat in Raleigh. All three parties caucused Tuesday—the republicans in great secrecy, not admitting even members of their State and National committees, the populists also behind closed doors but admitting members of the committees, and the democrats with a full meeting of members and many prominent men, not members.

Skinner, the republican in populist guise, read a letter from Pritchard to the populist caucus in which the republican candidate declared that he was a free silverite. This is the Pritchard who, less than three months ago, was making rampant gold speeches. God save the mark.

The Demoeratic caucus unanimously adopted resolutions offering to vote the democratic strength for any free silver man the populists might nominate. Dr. Cyrus Thompson of this district, the new Secretary of State, is a Pritchard man. The Raleigh correspondent of the Wilmington Messenger says:

Harry Skinner wants to succeed Ransom as Minister to Mexico.

It is now settled that Gov. Russell's inauguration will oceur on the 12th. It is announced that he will occupy the Executive mansion.

To the Asylum.

Mrs. Archie Smith, of Gray's Creek, who recently went crazy, was taken to the asylum Tuesday by Mr. Henry King. She is very violent and while in the court house this morning tore her clothes off.

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Meeting of County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday with Chairman Cotton and Messrs. Gainey and McFarland present.

It was ordered that the County Treasurer be ordered to call in $1,000 of the bridge bonds, one of five hundred and five of one hundred, and to give legal notice of same.

Ordered, that the Clerk of Court be required to keep a stub book of jury tickets issued.

The sale of the lot belonging to the county on St. James' square was confirmed at $626.

It was ordered that clerk be allowed 10 cents for issuing scrip till further arrangements be made, and $2.00 a day for clerk and $2.00 a day for putting minutes on book.

It was voted that the Commissioners be paid two dollars a day and mileage.

The clerk was ordered to notify Alex. Leslie, ex keeper of poor house to make his annual report.

The report of Clerk of the Court Murphy was received and ordered recorded.

At 2 p. m. the Board adjourned and reassembled at 3 p. m.

The Sheriff made his monthly report which was read and accepted.

The Register of Deeds made his monthly report and it was accepted and ordered filed.

The Commissioners ordered that the jail committee be continued, and that they put in a circular dry well 12x12 as in accord with contract with the Manly Manufacturing Company.

N. A. Sinclair, County Attorney, was instructed to prepare a bill to be presented to the General Assembly to authorize the county to issue bonds that may be necessary to refund the debt of the county, and notify the same to the Board at a special meeting yet to be called.

There was no other business before the board and they adjourned to meet the first Monday in February.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Immediately after the Commissioners adjourned they reassembled as the Board of Education. Nothing of importance was done, and the Board adjourned to meet January 18th, when the county school funds will be apportioned.

Literary Notes.

Herbert D. Ward, the novelist and husband of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, has written a new novel, which will be the fiction feature of *The Ladies' Home Journal* during 1897. It is a humorous story and has the unique title of "The Burglar Who Moved Paradise." It is a sequel to Mrs. Ward's "An Old Maid's Paradise," the husband taking up the pen where Miss Phelps had naturally to put it down when she became Mrs Ward.

The recent addition of a young folks' department to *Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly* makes that periodical more than ever the great family magazine.

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NORTH CAROLINA, } Treasurer's
CUMBERLAND COUNTY. } Office.

At the January meeting of the Board of County Commissioners it was ordered:

That the Treasurer of said County be directed to call in of the outstanding indebtedness of Cumberland County one (1) thousand dollars ($1,000) of the debt known as the "Bridge Bond debt," and that no interest thereon be allowed or paid by said County from and after February 10th, 1897.

In accordance with said order the holders of "Bridge Bonds" No. 3, of the denomination of five hundred dollars, and Nos. 81, 78, 99, 11 and 28 of the denomination of one hundred dollars ($100) each are hereby notified that the same have been drawn by lot, and are called in for redemption and payment, and they will present the same to the undersigned at his office either in person or by attorney on or before the 10th day of February, 1897, for redemption and payment, and if they fail to do so no interest will be paid on same after above date. J. B. TROY,
Jan'y 5, 1897. County Treasurer.

Bank of Fayetteville.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 1, 1897.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

At a meeting of the Directors of this Bank, held on the above date, a dividend of three per cent. on the capital stock was declared, payable on and after January 2, 1897. J. C. HAIGH,
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Bank of Fayetteville.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C, Jan. 2, 1897.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this bank will be held in their Banking House in Fayetteville, at 11 o'clock A. M., Thursday, January 7, 1897.

J. C. HAIGH,
Jan.2tm. Cashier.

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Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of the late William J. MacPhail this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 1898, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 7th day of January, 1897.

HUGH A. MACPHAIL,
Executor.

C. W. BROADFOOT, Att'y.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the Harnett and Cumberland Branch of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina will meet in the town of Fayetteville on January 15, 1897, at the Court House, for the purpose of electing officers and to transact other important business. The General Agent will be present, let all the members please be present.

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Fayetteville Will be Benefited.

Thirty-six of the most prominent lumber manufacturers of this part of the State met at Red Springs Jan. 1st and organized "The Central Carolina Yellow Pine Lumber Protection Association." The combined output of the mills represented amount to between fifty and sixty million of feet per annum. The association was formed for the protection of the manufacturers from fraudulent and dishonest dealers, and to confer with railroad companies in regard to freight &c.

W. T. Williams, of the Red Springs railway and lumber company, was elected President and G. H. Hall, of the R. T. DeVane lumber company, Secretary and Treasurer. After signing the agreement the meeting adjourned to meet in Fayetteville, N. C., the first Wednesday in each month. This is a move that has long been needed by the lumber manufacturers and from the interest displayed, will be conducive of great good. The members say that the association will not attempt to control prices, but will protect its members to the extent of "black listing" those who act dishonestly towards them. This will mean considerable business for Fayetteville, the meeting here monthly of 40 to 50 representative business men who buy supplies in large quantities, their patronage will be worth looking after, and wil offer our merchants opportunities of competing with other cities.

Police News.

"Judge" Hayes and Street were before 'Squire Overby Thursday afternoon charged with shooting at Monk Julian. Hayes was bound over to court in the sum of $100, which he failed to give, and was sent to jail. Street was discharged and recognized as the chief witness for the prosecution.

Thursday night Township Constable Maultsby arrested Robt. Walker at his home on Haymount, on a warrant charging him with entering the residence of Mr. Ijams, on Gillespie street and stealing a bicycle. Mr. Maultsby was accompanied by his son and a nephew, and when they reached the house the boys stood guard at the side doors while the officer knocked for admission at the front one. The occupants refused to open the door and Mr. Maultsby had to break it open. He found Walker dressed in three suits of clothes, evidently just about to start on a journey. While the officer was talking to this much dressed individual, the latter's wife ran out, knocked one of the boys down and locked the two men in the house. The other boy hearing the racket came up and gave battle to the dusky amazon. After a fierce struggle the boys conquered and the prisoners were released. Walker was then brought to town and lodged in jail where he will have no trouble in keeping warm.

Steven Hall, who has been lying in jail awaiting trial on a charge of embezzling money from his brother, gave bond and was released this morning.

Henry Swinson, colored, was committed to jail by 'Squire Wemyss Saturday morning charged with larceny.

The C. F. & Y. V.

As the OBSERVER stated some time ago, it is more than probable that Judge Simonton will order the sale of the C. F. & Y. V. in its entirety.

It is understood that this decree will be made by Judge Simonton in Wilmington on January 14th. The Wilmington Star speaking of this announcement says:

It has always seemed, even to those not versed in the law, that the equities of the case were on the side of the parties who opposed the dismemberment of the road and its sale by divisions, yet there was an apprehension that this view might not be sustained by the Court.

Not only financially, but commercially, Wilmington is deeply interested in the future of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway, and she rejoices at the prospects of its bright future.

Sewer Work Suspended.

The proposed sewer from the county property on Gillespie and Mumford streets to Cross Creek near Eccles bridge will not be laid, at least for the present. The advertisement for bids for piping and the construction was ordered out of the OBSERVER this morning, to await further developments. This action is a result of a meeting yesterday evening of the board of Aldermen, called for the purpose of hearing discussions on the subject. The board finally agreed to reconsider the matter and decided that the question should be submitted to a full meeting next Wednesday week of the Board of Aldermen, the County Commissioners and the Board of Health.

Something to Look Forward To.

The gallant members of the Chicora Fire Company are preparing to give a concert the latter part of this month, the proceeds to go towards defraying the expenses which will be entailed by the meeting in this city in August of the State Firemen's Association.

The Chicora Company is made up of many of the pick of Fayetteville's youth, and a concert by these talented young men will be an event to look forward to with pleasant anticipations.

The assembling here of the State Firemen's Association means much for Fayetteville, and our citizens should aid in making it a great occasion.

Another Christmas Tree in Campbellton.

Friday the children of the Methodist Sunday school in Campbellton assembled in the church building and were treated to a splendid christmas tree, accompanied by beautiful services. One hundred and three handsome presents were distributed among the delighted little folks.

The G. T. C. celebrated New Year by a phantom party at the manse. It was most enjoyable, with lots of amusing incidents. The Rev. Mr. McKelway and his charming wife added much to the pleasure of the young folks by their gracious manner and hospitality.

Helpless Rheumatics!

Rheumatism is no respecter of persons—the healthy and vigorous are as liable to its attacks as the weak.

The symptoms of the disease are almost unnoticed at first, so insidiously do they steal over the body; gradually the little pains and stiffness increase, until they develop greater inconvenience day by day.

The knees, ankles, and other joints of the body ache constantly, swelling to several times their natural size; the patient finds himself unable to get around; is soon incapacitated for business, and later is confined to his bed, utterly helpless.

It is a great mistake to expect relief from such condition by the application of liniments and other external remedies. The medical profession admit that the disease is in the blood, and it is but reasonable that only a blood remedy, one purely vegetable, and free from potash, can afford relief. S. S. S. (Swift's Specific) is an unfailing remedy for Rheumatism, and has cured the severest cases, where other remedies failed to reach the disease.

Mr. Frank T. Reynolds, of Dalton, Ga., was a sufferer from Rheumatism since his boyhood. He writes: "Ever since I was twelve years of age I have suffered intensely with Muscular Rheumatism, which, at one time, kept me in bed for eighteen months. I took all kinds of treatment, and visited many famous springs, but could get only temporary relief; the disease always returned, and at times was so painful that it was impossible for me to use my arms and legs. I tried almost everything that was suggested, and after eighteen years of suffering, S. S. S. was recommended, and I was happy to, at last, find a cure for this painful trouble. S. S. S. seemed to get at the disease promptly, and afforded immediate relief."

The experience of Mr. E. J. Gibson, of Madison, Ga., was similar to the above. He says: "I tried almost every rheumatic remedy I heard of, but grew worse instead of better. The sharp, aching pains, peculiar to Rheumatism took possession of my entire body, and the suffering I endured was intense. I was soon unfit for business, and became as helpless as a child. The potash prescriptions of the doctors almost ruined my digestion, and I found no relief in anything until S. S. S. (Swift's Specific) was recommended. Several bottles cured me completely, and for more than four years I have not had a symptom of Rheumatism."

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A Handsome Monument.

Mr. E. L. Remsburg is just putting the finishing touches to the handsomest monument that has probably ever been turned out of a marble yard in North Carolina. It is a cross six feet high, made of pure white Vermont marble. The inscriptions, which are in raised letters, are carved beautifully and without a flaw.

The monument will be shipped to Faison Monday where it will be erected over the grave of the late Mrs. H. McD. Robinson. This splendid piece of work attests the skill of a master hand and should be seen by all our citizens.

Death in 71st Thursday.

Mr. Peter J. Benett, son of Thos. Bennett, Esq., died at his home in 71st Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock. The deceased gentleman was in his 29th year and leaves a widow and two young children. The Bennetts, father and and son moved here from South Carolina about five years ago and in that short time have won the respect and friendship of all with whom they have come in contact.

"Pete" Bennett was a prosperous farmer and his sudden death in the prime of life is sad indeed.

Welcomed the New Year.

The Married Folks' Whist Club met at Mrs. T. M. Hunter's Thursday and spent a most delightful evening running over into the new year, which was welcomed in good old style.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

Raleigh News and Observer, 27th.]

On joint ballot the Republicans have 66 members, the Populists 58, the Democrats 44, with two in doubt.

The next Legislature will stand as follows:

THE STATE SENATE.

First District, (Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Hertford, Gates, Chowan and Perquimans counties). J. L. Whidley, Republican, and J. F. Newsome, Populist.

Second District (Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Dare, Beaufort, Hyde and Pamlico), McCaskie, Populist, and Yeager, Republican.

Third District (Bertie and Northampton), J. M. Early, Populist.

Fourth District (Halifax), E. T. Clark, Populist.

Fifth District (Edgecombe), Lee Person, Republican.

Sixth District (Pitt), Moye, Populist.

Seventh District (Wilson, Nash and Franklin), J. F. Mitchell, Populist, J. T. Sharp, Republican.

Eighth District (Craven, Jones, Carteret, Lenoir, Greene and Onslow), G. L. Hardison, Populist, and McCarthy, Republican.

Ninth District (Duplin, Wayne and Pender), H. L. Grant, Republican, and R. G. Maxwell, Populist.

Tenth District (New Hanover and Brunswick), Geo. H. Cannon, Populist.

Eleventh District (Vance and Warren), W. B. Henderson, Republican.

Twelfth District (Wake), C. H. Utley, Populist.

Thirteenth District (Johnston), E. S. Abell, Democrat.

Fourteenth District (Sampson, Harnett and Bladen), Geo. Butler, Populist and E. N. Roberson, Populist.

Fifteenth District (Columbus and Robeson), Angus Shaw, Populist; and J. D. Maultsby, Republican.

Sixteenth District (Cumberland) J. McP. Geddie, Populist.

Seventeenth District (Granville and Person), Dr. Wm. Merritt, Populist.

Eighteenth District (Caswell, Alamance, Orange and Durham), Capt. E. S. Parker, Democrat, and J. E. Lyon, Populist.

Nineteenth District (Chatham), John W. Atwater, Populist.

Twentieth District (Rockingham), J. A. Walker, Populist.

Twenty first District (Guilford), Alf. Seales, Democrat.

Twenty second District (Randolph and Moore), D. Reid Parker, Populist.

Twenty-third District (Richmond, Montgomery, Anson and Union), W. H. Adams, Populist, and Daniel Patterson, Republican.

Twenty-fourth District (Cabarrus and Stanly), C. D. Barringer, Democrat.

Twenty fifth District (Mecklenburg), Dr. J. B. Alexander, Populist.

Twenty sixth District (Rowan, Davidson and Forsyth), S. Earnhardt, Populist and Jno. A. Ramsey, Republican.

Twenty-seventh District (Iredell, Davie and Yadkin), Shaw and Sharp, Republicans.

Twenty-eighth District (Stokes and Surry), one Republican.

Twenty-ninth District (Catawba, Lincoln, Wilkes and Alexander), R. H. W. Barber, Populist, and one Republican.

Thirtieth District (Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga), Thos. Sutherland, Democrat.

Thirty first District (Caldwell, Burke, Mitchell, McDowell and Yancy), E. F. Wakefield, Populist, and one Republican.

Thirty second District (Gaston, Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk), M. H. Justice, Democrat, J. A. Anthony, Democrat.

Thirty-third District (Buncombe, Madison and Haywood), Geo. H. Smathers, Republican, and W. W. Rollins, Republican.

Thirty fourth District (Henderson, Transylvania, Jackson and Swain), H. S. Anderson, Republican.

Thirty-fifth District (Macon, Clay, Cherokee and Graham), J. Frank Ray, Democrat.

The representation would stand:

Populists	24
Democrats	9
Republicans	17

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Alexander; J. W. Watts, Democrat.
Alamance; S. A. White, Republican.
Alleghany; M. F. Jones, Democrat.
Anson; T. C. Leak, Democrat.
Ashe; Spencer Blackburn, Republican.
Beaufort; H. E. Hodges, Populist.
Bertie; H. W. White, Republican.
Bladen; Sidney Meares, Republican.
Brunswick; W. W. Drew, Populist.
Buncombe, V. S. Lusk, Republican, W. G. Candler, Republican.
Burke; John H. Pearson, Democrat.
Cabarrus; A. F. Hileman, Populist.
Caldwell; J. L. Nelson, Democrat.
Camden; Republican.
Carteret; E. C. Duncan, Republican.
Caswell; C. J. Yarborough, Populist.
Catawba; L. R. Whitener, Populist.
Camden; J. E. Burgess, Republican, and J. E. Bryan, Populist.
Cherokee; D. W. Dewease, Republican
Chowan; Richard Elliott, Republican.
Clay; Wm. Plott, Democrat.
Cleveland; Dr. B. F. Dixon, Democrat
Columbus; J. B. Schulken, Populist.
Craven; Robt. Handcock, Republican.
Cumberland; Thos. H. Sutton, Republican, and W. P. Wemyss, Republican.
Currituck; W. H. Gallop, Democrat.
Dare; Geo. C. Daniels, Republican.
Davidson; J. W. McCreary, Republican.
Davie; W. A. Bailey, Republican.
Duplin; Maury Ward, Populist.
Durham; John W. Umstead, Democrat.
Edgecombe; Jordan Dancy, Republican, and E. E. Bryan, Republican.
Forsyth; J. L. Grubbs, Republican, and W. P. Ormsley, Republican.
Franklin; Carter Barrow, Populist.
Gaston, —— White, Democrat.
Gates; J. J. Gathing, Democrat.
Graham; John Dayton, Republican.
Granville; King, Populist, Crews, Republican.
Guilford; J. T. Burch, Democrat, B. G. Chilcutt, Republican.
Greene; W. R. Dixon, Populist.
Halifax; J. H. Arrington, Republican Scott Harris, Populist.
Harnett, Chapin, Republican.
Haywood; J. W. Ferguson, Democrat.
Henderson; J. B. Freeman, Republican
Hertford; Stark Hare, Republican.
Hyde; John G. Harris, Populist.
Iredell; J. R. McLellan, Democrat, and J. A. Hartness, Democrat.
Jackson; Walter E. Moore, Democrat.
Johnston; Claude M. Smith, Democrat, and Chas. M. Creech, Democrat.
Jones; —— Brown, Populist.
Lenoir; N. P. Hauser, Populist.
Lincoln; L. A. Abernethy, Populist
Macon; —— Lyle, Democrat.
Madison; J. W. Roberson, Republican.
Martin; Fagan, Populist.
McDowell; W. A. Conley, Democrat.
Mecklenburg; Sol. Reid, Democrat, one Populist and one Democrat.
Mitchell; L. A. Green, Republican.
Montgomery; J. A. Reynolds, Populist.
Moore; W. H. H. Lawhorn, Democrat.
Nash; V. B. Carter, Populist.
New Hanover; Jno. T. Horne, Republican, D. D. Sutton, Republican.
Northampton; N. R. Rawls, Republican.
Onslow; R Duffy, Democrat.
Orange; A. R, Holmes, Democrat Populist.
Pamlico; C. M. Bobbitt, Populist.
Pasquotank; Wm. G Pool, Republican.
Perquimans; J. D. Parker, Populist.
Pender; Gibson James, Democrat.
Person; Jno. S. Cunningham, Democrat.
Pitt; E. V. Cox, Republican and Slade Chapman, Populist.
Polk; Grayson Alredge, Republican.
Randolph; J. J. White, Populist, and J. M. Allen, Republican.
Richmond; Claude Dockery, Republican, and Y. C. Morton, Populist.
Robeson; Duncan McBryde, Populist, and W. J. Currie, Republican.
Rockingham; A. E. Walters, Democrat, T. B Foster, Populist.
Rowan, J. H. McKenzie, Democrat, and Walter Murphy, Democrat.
Rutherford; Lindsey Ferguson, Republican.
Sampson; C. H. Johnson, Populist, and R W. Crumpler, Populist.
Stanly; E. T. Eddins, Democrat.
Stokes R. J. Petree, Republican.
Surry; J. M. Brower, Republican.
Swain; J. H. Cathey, Democrat.
Transylvania; E. A. Aiken, Republican.
Tyrrell; Dr. Abe Alexander, Republican.
Union; Jas. Price, Populist.
Vance; W. M. Peace, Republican.
Wake; Jas. H. Young, Republican, J P. H. Adams, Republican, and James Ferrell, Populist.
Warren; C. A. Cook, Republican.
Washington; L. N. C. Spruill, Republican.
Watauga; Thos Bingham, Republican.
Wayne; T. B. Parker, Democrat, J. E. Person, Populist.
Wilkes; J. Q. A. Adams, Republican and C. H. Summers, Republican.
Wilson; Dr. B. T. Person, Populist.
Yadkin; J. C. Pionix, Republican.
Yancey; ——Democrat.

This will give the several parties representation as follows:

Republicans	49
Democrats	35
Populists	34
Doubtful	2

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NORTH CAROLINA, CUMBERLAND COUNTY. } Superior Court.

E. L. Clark vs. J. B. Carr.

It appearing to the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland County from the affidavit of E. L. Clark, the plaintiff, in the above entitled action that the defendant after due diligence cannot be found in the State, and the plaintiff has a good cause of action against said defendant and it further appearing that said defendant has departed from the State with intent to defraud his creditors, it is therefore ordered by the Court that notice of this action be published once a week in the "Fayetteville Observer," a newspaper published, setting forth the title of this action, the issuing of the attachment, and requiring the defendant to appear before the Judge of our Superior Court, a Court to be held in the County of Cumberland, at the Court House in Fayetteville on the 6th Monday before the first Monday in March, 1897, and answer or demur to the complaint of said plaintiff which will be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County during the first three days of said term, and let the said defendant take notice that if he fail to answer said complaint within that term the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This Dec. 2, 1896.

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By virtue of the power and authority contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by Wiley Cain and wife and M. J. Starling and wife to H. W. Lilly and R. T. Gray, Executors of E. J Lilly, deceased, which is duly recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Cumberland County, in Book No. 4, page 312, we will offer for sale at public auction at the Court House door in Fayetteville at 12 o'clock M., on January 8th, 1897, for cash a tract of land containing 721 acres known as "The Downing Land," situated in Cedar Creek Township near Stedman.

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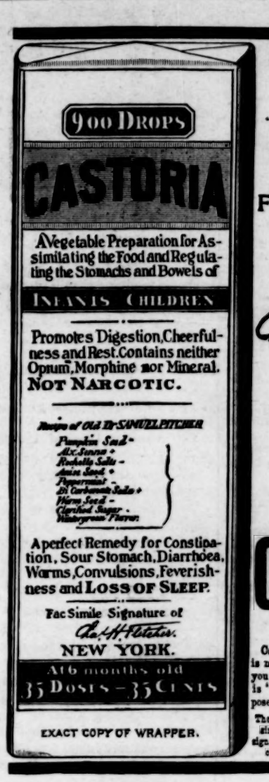

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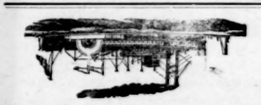

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Sale Under Execution.

By virtue of nine executions directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Cumberland County, upon judgments Nos 5895, 5911, 5917, 5919, 5920, 5958, 5963, 6099 and 6205, as will more fully appear by reference to the Judgment Docket of Cumberland County, in certain actions entitled William A Tottle & Co. and others, against G. H. Ingram I will, on Monday, the 18th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock M., the first day of the January Term of said Superior Court, at the Court House door of said County, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said executions, all the right, title, claim and interest of the said G. H. Ingram defendant of, in and to the following described land, viz: A tract of land adjoining Adams street on the South and Kennedy street on the East, in the town of Fayetteville, being the house and lot known as the G. H. Ingram place, and being the same land conveyed by J. C. McCaskill and wife to said G. H. Ingram by deed dated October 22, 1887, registered in Book I, No. 4, page 300, Register of Deeds office of Cumberland County, except a strip of said land heretofore sold by G. H. Ingram and wife to Mark Morgan as will more fully appear by reference to deed recorded in B ok I, No. 4, page 350 Register of Deeds office of Cumberland County.

This December 17th, 1896.

McD. GEDDIE,
Sheriff of Cumberland County.

NORTH CAROLINA, CUMBERLAND COUNTY. } In the Superior Court

G. A. P. Wilkerson, Administrator of Estate of Alfred McSwain vs. Caroline Davis and others.

NOTICE.

The defendants Andrew McSwain and wife (given name not known), James McSwain and wife (given name not known) Eliza B. Williams and her husband James A. Williams, will take notice that a special proceeding, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland County, the summons being returnable before the Clerk of said Court on the 1st day of February, 1897, the purpose of said action being brought by the plaintiff to subject real estate to make assets to pay debts of the said estate, and costs and charges of administration, and the aforesaid defendants will further take notice, that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county at his office in the Court House in Fayetteville, N. C., on the 1st day of February, 1897 and answer or demur to the petition or complaint of the plaintiff, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein.

This 19th day of December, 1896

CYRUS MURPHY,
Clerk Superior Court.

H. L. COOK, Att'y. 12-19-6w

Service by Publication

NORTH CAROLINA, CUMBERLAND COUNTY } In the Superior Court

C. W. Bidgood, Adm'r, etc. vs. Dennis Hogans et al. } Notice.

The defendants, Peter Hogans, Chas. Hogans, Alex. Hogans Andrew Hogans, David Hogans, Rhoda Simmons, Chas. Simmons, Charlotte H. Simmons and Henry Simmons will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland County the same being brought by the Administrator of Dennis Hogans against the heirs at law of the said Dennis Hogans seeking to sell the land of which the said Dennis Hogans died seized to make assets to pay the charges of administration upon the estate of and to pay the debts of the said Dennis Hogans, deceased. And the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior court of Cumberland County at his office in Fayetteville on the 30th day of January, 1897 and answer or demur to the petition which has been filed by the plaintiff, administrator, with the said Clerk; or the relief demanded in the petition will be applied for by the said plaintiff.

This Dec. 10th, 1896

CYRUS MURPHY, C. S. C.
J. C. & S. H. MACRAE,
Attorneys for Petitioner.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway

JOHN GILL, RECEIVER.

CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

In Effect November 15th, 1896.

NORTH BOUND.	No 2 daily.
Leave Wilmington,	7:00 a m
Arrive Fayetteville,	11.00 "
Leave Fayetteville,	11:21 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction,	11:27 "
Leave Sanford,	1:00 p m
Leave Climax,	2:50 "
Arrive Greensboro,	3:18 "
Leave Greensboro,	3:25 "
Leave Stokesdale,	4:10 "
Leave Walnut Cove,	4:40 "
Leave Rural Hall,	5:10 "
Arrive Mt. Airy,	6:3. "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1, Daily.
Leave Mt. Airy,	8:40 a. m.
Leave Rural Hall,	10:04 "
Leave Walnut